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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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TITLE: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AUTOMATICALLY ORDERING SUPPLIES WHICH ARE CONSUMED DURING USAGE OF A DEVICE"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,414,494

AB United States Patent No. 5,305,199

AC United States Patent No. 4,812,965

AL European Application 0 878 305

AM European Application 0 825 567

AN French Patent 2 793 443

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. All of the references with the exception of Reference AM are in English, and no further commentary regarding those references is necessary. A translation of Reference AM is not readily

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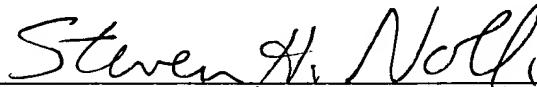
available to the Applicant, however, an English language Abstract is attached to Reference AM, which constitutes a summary of its teachings.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

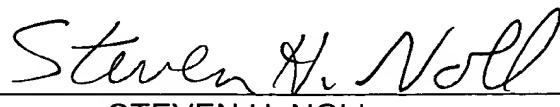
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